

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

**Clerk of the Board Use Only**  
**Meeting Date** / / **Held Until** / /  
**Agenda Item No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Agenda Item No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

( ) **4/5 Vote Required**

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**Board Date:**  
04/14/09

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:**

Year 2009 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:** Approve and authorize the Sheriff to execute the agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration to provide \$98,000 in Year 2009 Domestic Cannabis Eradication Suppression Program funds for marijuana suppression and eradication activities to be performed by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD**

**Estimated Cost** \$ 0

**Contingencies** \$ 0  
(Fund Name:)

**Amount Budgeted** \$ 0

**Unanticipated Revenue** \$ 0  
(Source:)

**Other Avail Approp.** \$ 0  
(Explain below)

**Other Transfer(s)** \$ 0  
(Source:)

**Additional Requested:** \$ 0

**Add'l Funds Requested:** \$ 0

**Explanation (if required):** Revenue and corresponding expenditures in the amount of \$60,000 have been included in the Sheriff's Department FY 09-10 budget request. The remaining amount will be added to the FY 09-10 budget during technical adjustments.

**Prior Board Action(s):**

Board approval of agreements for the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program for the past twelve fiscal years (FY 96-97 through FY 09-10).

**Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:** The Sheriff's Department will not receive funds to continue the current level of marijuana eradication and suppression activities.

**Background:** Since 1995, the Sheriff's Department has received grants from the Domestic Cannabis Eradication / Suppression Program (DCESP) to support the Department's marijuana efforts. The grant funds are currently administered by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The grant funds are designated to specifically cover seasonal eradication efforts and enhance the Marijuana Suppression Program, which has been active since FY 93-94.

Our awards have been as follows:

1995 \$5,000  
1996 \$19,500  
1997 \$25,000  
1998 \$25,000  
1999 \$26,000  
2000 \$15,000  
2001 \$20,000  
2002 \$20,000  
2003 \$13,000  
2004 \$14,000  
2005 \$25,500  
2006 \$48,911  
2007 \$60,000  
2008 \$85,000  
2009 \$98,000

**Attachments:** None

**On File With Clerk:** Agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration for Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program funds.

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**Board Action** (If other than "Requested")

**Vote:**

**Background:** (Continued)

The list above demonstrates a continual increase in funding in DCE/SP awards. The reason for the increase in funding is a result of the Department's eradication successes from the prior year's harvest season. The Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force (SNTF) eradicated over 130,000 plants in 2006, over 136,000 plants in 2007, and over 144,000 plants during the 2008 harvest season (plant counts are based on a calendar year).

The Department has been notified that \$98,000 is available to the Department at this time (calendar year 2009). The grant will fund deputy overtime, expendable and non-expendable equipment, aircraft rental, and training/travel costs, which have already been approved by the DEA. The Department has used these funds to send deputy detectives to Aerial Observation School and seminars hosted by the Campaign Against Marijuana Program (CAMP) and will continue to do so during this next funding cycle. In addition, the Department will send detectives to DCE/SP conferences that may occur. It is the Department's policy not to use the SCSD helicopter for routine marijuana spotting

There is no required match for participation in Domestic Cannabis Eradication / Suppression Program. Revenues and expenditures for the program have been included in the Sheriff's Department FY 09-10 budget request.

The Sheriff's Department uses a team approach to coordinate its marijuana eradication efforts. The DCE/SP is only one part of a larger narcotics program.

Therefore, the Sheriff requests the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Sheriff to execute the agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration to provide \$98,000 in Year 2009 Domestic Cannabis Eradication Suppression Program funds for marijuana suppression and eradication activities to be performed by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department.